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MEMORANDUM FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Possible Rapprochement Between Trujillo and Castro

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[redacted] confirms Francis McCarthy's report of 20 January in the Washington Post that the official Dominican radio has ceased attacking Castro. However, the only Voz Dominicana broadcast that could be termed praise of Castro was a 16 January request by a Dominican "labor leader" for the cessation of anti-Castro propaganda. The labor leader, a Trujillo puppet, implied support of Castro's anti-US actions.

The Trujillo regime is now weaker than at any time in its 30 year history. Within the past several days, approximately 1,000 Dominicans and some foreigners have been arrested in an attempt to forestall a revolutionary plot. The US Embassy is convinced that the backbone of the plot has been broken, but tension is at an all time high. Trujillo's cessation of attacks against Castro is probably an effort to

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lessen the threat to his regime from abroad and attacks can be expected to resume if the present domestic crisis in the Dominican Republic eases.

There is no evidence of any rapprochement between the two governments. Trujillo's cessation of attacks on Castro is probably a unilateral decision on his part motivated by domestic difficulties.

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